

**CLAYTON COUNTY OBSERVES
MAY 2012 AS
NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH**

- WHEREAS:** the Clayton County Board of Commissioners recognizes the vital role that swimming and aquatic-related activities play in physical and mental health by enhancing the overall quality of life for individuals; and
- WHEREAS:** the Clayton County Board of Commissioners understands the essential role that education regarding the topic of Water Safety plays in preventing recreation water-related injuries; and
- WHEREAS:** in an effort to help promote May, 2012 as ***National Water Safety Month***, the Clayton County Board of Commissioners has authorized the Parks and Recreation Department to participate in the ***World's Largest Swimming Lesson*** event on June 14, 2012 at the Carl Rhodenizer Recreation Center, the Virginia Burton Gray Recreation Center, and the Steve Lundquist Aquatic Center; and
- WHEREAS:** the Parks and Recreation Department adheres to the standards set by the recreational water industry, as represented by the National Recreation and Park Association (NRPA), the Association of Pool and Spa Professionals, and the World Waterpark Association. These standards focus on developing safe swimming facilities, aquatic programs and related activities, providing healthy places to recreate, growth and development, self-esteem building, confidence and a sense of self-worth, all contributing to the quality of life in our community; and
- WHEREAS:** the Clayton County Board of Commissioners understands the importance of communicating Water Safety rules and programs to Clayton County families and individuals of all ages, whether owners of private pools, users of public swimming facilities, or visitors to waterparks; now
- THEREFORE:** I, ELDRIN BELL, Chairman of the Clayton County Board of Commissioners, do hereby proclaim the month of **May 2012 as NATIONAL WATER SAFETY MONTH** in Clayton County.

In witness thereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused the Seal of Clayton County, Georgia, to be affixed this 1th day of May in the year two thousand twelve.

Eldrin Bell, Chairman